How Satan Emptied Salvation of the Call to Transformation

Satan has used all sorts of tricks throughout history to prevent man from understanding what God's purpose is with him. Where he could not deceive man with indulgences or alms, he came with faith in the sacrifice on the cross, emphasizing its role so that salvation is reduced to the forgiveness of sins.

Based on the same doubt he instilled in Eve with the question "Hath God said?" using the fact that there is no man without sin, he worked and instilled doubt in people's minds, convincing them that it is not possible to reach the stature of the fullness of Christ.

He instilled doubt in the hearts of most, deceiving them that the Lord's command which says: "Be ye therefore perfect" cannot be fulfilled. (Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48)

He worked in such a way that man does not understand God's purpose, so that he does not begin the life of a disciple in the school of Christ.

It would be good for each of us to ask: Does this doctrine of salvation, which is limited to "forgiveness of sins," have a biblical foundation?

To mislead us, Satan has used only part of the truth of Scripture, bringing man only part of the Gospel, just as he used two thousand years ago when he tempted the Son of God in the wilderness. He thus brings us part of God's truth, presenting it as the only truth, convincing that man's salvation is reduced to the forgiveness of sins.

Satan has taken care to remove from God's plan the work of growth and perfection of the saints, deceiving man that for salvation, the perfection of character is not necessary.

He has convinced people that even if they lead a holy and pure life, perfection is not possible (sin cannot be overcome). He has deceived them that even if they pursue sanctification, this may ensure them a reward but will not qualify them for the Kingdom because man cannot be saved except by grace, through mental faith, without works. (For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8)

Through this false teaching, he has abolished discipleship and the importance of the school of Christ (His teachings), deceiving man that these are not part of the plan of salvation. Thus, he has brought man to the point of no longer giving importance to the

commandments of Christ and the sanctifying work of the Spirit. (...through sanctification of the Spirit. 1 Peter 1:2)

Thus, in these 2000 years, he has deceived entire generations that perfection is not possible, offering humanity the teaching that salvation consists in the forgiveness of sins.

We can see how well he has succeeded. The majority of those who today bear the name of Christians stop at salvation without great costs, at the “doctrine of forgiveness of sins.”

This is visible when we look at those who believe they are “born again” and who have a failing life of faith. They acknowledge that they do not have victory over sin, that they do not have the fruit of the Spirit, and yet they are convinced that they will have part in salvation through the Lord’s mercy because they believed in the sacrifice of the cross.

The great religious organizations – Satan’s Empire

On the foundation of this “false doctrine” which convinces man that salvation is limited to the forgiveness of sins, Satan has worked in collaboration with people subservient to him, to create a great religious empire.

He laid the foundations of the great religious organizations, which have transmitted this teaching and have trapped the ignorant masses in their snare.

He has used man’s predisposition to obtain what he desires without cost, knowing that he easily gives up the offer that costs him more. So he came with an offer that costs little; you pay indulgences, give alms, or believe in the sacrifice on the cross (that Lord Jesus paid for you) and you get the ticket to heaven.

Thus, for most, Satan’s offer is more attractive than God’s offer, which has costs. The Lord’s offer requires the crucifixion of the flesh and renouncing the world. (Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life. Matthew 7:14)

According to man’s predisposition, most are influenced by the cheap offer, the “doctrine of forgiveness of sins,” which allows walking on the broad way, this being confirmed by the Holy Scripture. (For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Matthew 7:13)

Whoever wants to look more closely will be able to observe that Satan, like a great merchant, has created a great religious empire to keep people in darkness, so that man does not know the truth about God’s plan.

Thus, he has positioned in every country, religious organizations (like supermarket chains) to offer cheap tickets to heaven and has managed to trap billions of people in this snare.

Man, due to ignorance, is thus caught in the net of these religious movements and through belonging to one of them, most often without a personal decision, but because he was born that way (Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, Jehovah's Witness...), remains under Satan's subordination all his life.

If we look at all these great religious organizations of our days, which were created hundreds of years ago, we can easily see that this great project that Satan has worked on has succeeded. None of them have in their doctrine this plan of God's perfection, and man, due to ignorance of the Scriptures, remains all his life on the broad way that leads to hell.

To see how great this work of Satan's deception is, we will look a little at this religious empire spread everywhere.

The first great worldwide organization initiated by Satan was Catholicism (today there are approximately 1.3 billion people) which indoctrinated multitudes of people, for entire generations with the teaching that sin cannot be overcome, deceiving them that God's purpose is only the forgiveness of sins and that you can obtain this forgiveness of sins through the payment of indulgences.

By restricting access to the Holy Scripture, which could only be read in Latin, known only by priests, Catholicism kept people in darkness for centuries.

We can also note that Orthodoxy (there are approximately 280 million worldwide) has indoctrinated for hundreds of years with the same teaching, which says that to have eternal life you only need the forgiveness of sins and these can be obtained after death through prayers made for the dead, alms...

And in the Orthodox Church, access to the Holy Scripture was restricted to the common man, being available only in the Slavonic language for hundreds of years.

For about fifteen centuries, Satan managed to hide the Scriptures from the eyes of people and offered the ticket to reach God's Heaven without too high costs, asking only for rituals, through the payment of indulgences, alms...

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